

## House Resolution 788

By: Representatives Bruce of the 64<sup>th</sup>, Epps of the 128<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Abrams of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Walter E. Massey on the occasion of his retirement as president of  
2 Morehouse College; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Walter E. Massey is the ninth president of Morehouse College, the nation's  
4 largest private four-year liberal arts college for men; and

5 WHEREAS, prior to Morehouse, Dr. Massey held a range of administrative and academic  
6 positions. He is former director of the National Science Foundation, a position to which he  
7 was appointed by former President George H.W. Bush. Dr. Massey also served as vice  
8 president for research and professor of physics at the University of Chicago, as director of  
9 the Argonne National Laboratory, dean of the College and professor of physics at Brown  
10 University and as assistant professor of physics at the University of Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, immediately prior to his position at Morehouse, Dr. Massey was provost and  
12 senior vice president for academic affairs at the University of California; and

13 WHEREAS, after earning a bachelor of science in physics and mathematics in 1958 from  
14 Morehouse, he received his master's degree and doctorate in physics in 1966 from  
15 Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. His research has involved the study of  
16 quantum liquids and solids. His written work has also addressed science and math education,  
17 the role of science in a democratic society, and university-industry interactions and  
18 technology transfer in national and international settings; and

19 WHEREAS, active with a range of organizations, Dr. Massey is a past chair of the Secretary  
20 of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) and is currently serving his second term as a member of  
21 the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, having also served on  
22 PCAST under the first President Bush; and

1 WHEREAS, the recipient of more than 30 honorary degrees from institutions such as Yale  
2 University, Northwestern University, Amherst College, and Ohio State University, Dr.  
3 Massey's leadership in education includes his service as a member of the Gates Millennium  
4 Scholars Advisory Council and the National Commission on Mathematics and Science  
5 Teaching for the 21st Century, and chairman of the Atlanta Committee for Public Education.  
6 In addition, he is active on several corporate and foundation boards, including the Mellon  
7 Foundation, Motorola Inc., Bank of America Corporation, McDonald's Corporation, and BP  
8 p.l.c.; and

9 WHEREAS, he is a Fellow and past president of the American Association for the  
10 Advancement of Science, a Fellow and past vice president of the American Physical Society,  
11 and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical  
12 Society, and the Council on Foreign Relations; and

13 WHEREAS, born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, he and his wife Shirley Anne have two sons  
14 and three grandchildren.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 the members of this body commend Dr. Walter E. Massey on the occasion of his retirement  
17 as president of Morehouse College, express their appreciation for his excellent service to this  
18 state and the nation, and extend their best wishes for continued health and happiness.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Walter E. Massey.